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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO LEVESQUE INAUGURAL ADDRESS

1. MEDIA REACTION TO PREMIER RENE LEVESQUE'S INAUGURAL MESSAGE WAS VARIED BUT TENDED TO FOCUS ON HIS MODERATE ALBEIT AMBIGUOUS TONE.

2. THE OTTAWA CITIZEN'S FRONT-PAGE (MARCH 9) NOTED THAT INDEPENDENCE WAS STILL UPPERMOST IN THE MINDS OF THE PARTI QUEBECOIS (PQ). INSIDE-PAGE ARTICLES OF THE CITIZEN DISCUSSED THE WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF BUSINESS, UNION DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LEVESQUE'S VAGUENESS, AND THE GENERAL LACK OF SURPRISE OVER THE CONTENTS OF THE SPEECH. ONE INSIDE PAGE ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT IN SPITE OF ANY INTERPRETATIONS OF THE SPEECH, LANGUAGE HAS THE TOP SPOT IN PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

3. THE OTTAWA JOURNAL'S FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE (MARCH 9) EMPHASIZED LEVESQUE'S PLEDGE TO BE GENEROUS TO THE ANGLOPHONE MINORITY AS REGARDS SCHOOLS AND OTHER RIGHTS.

4. THE TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S FRONT-PAGE MARCH 10
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DESCRIPTION FOUND THE FIRST PQ PROGRAM SURPRISING IN ITS SCOPE, BUT NOT IN ITS ACTUAL CONTENT WHICH HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED IN PREVIOUS STATEMENTS. IN CONTRAST TO SEVERAL OTHER ACCOUNTS, A GLOBE AND MAIL EDITORIAL CONSIDERED LEVESQUE'S SPEECH TO BE QUITE SPECIFIC AND SUBSTANTIVE. HOWEVER, GLOBE AND MAIL CONCLUDED ITS EDITORIAL BY POINTING OUT: BEGIN TEXT. WE RESERVE THE

RIGHT, HOWEVER, TO TURN THE PQ GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESSES
IN THIS FIELD AGAINST THE RAISON D'ETRE OF THE PQ AS A
PARTY. IF THE PROBLEMS CAN BE DEALT WITH, AND THEY CAN,
WITHIN THE FEDERAL SYSTEM, WHY BREAK THAT SYSTEM UP. END
TEXT. ENDERS

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